TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27ᵀᴴ SESSION: COUNCIL - PART I

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

1. **Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

   Federal Republic of Germany

2. **Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

   Draft Regulation 45

3. **Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the "track changes" function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

   Regulation 45   Development of environmental Standards

   (1)   Environmental Standards shall be developed in accordance with regulation 94 and shall include the following subject matters:

       (a)   Environmental quality objectives, including but not limited to thresholds on biodiversity   status, plume toxicity, density and extent, ~~and~~ sedimentation rates, and noise and light emissions;

       (b)   Baseline Data collection

       (c)   Technical requirements with regard to the equipment used for the exploitation activities

       (d)   Monitoring procedures; and

       (e)   Mitigation measures and/or remediation of environmental harm.

   (2)   The Authority shall not approve any exploitation activities unless all relevant environmental standards referenced in the regulations are adopted. Standards shall be regularly revised by the Authority, in response to advancements in scientific knowledge.

4. **Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]**
   Exploitation activities shall be subject to effective environmental protection as provided for in Art. 145 UNCLOS. Effective environmental protection requires legally binding standards (and not guidelines) notably regarding the subject matters mentioned in Para 1a) and on baseline data collection as provided for in Para 1b). Para 2 ensures that exploitation activities do not commence without such legally binding standards.